NOTE : The above date has been completed on the basis of the information available and as given by the representatives of the State Governments in the meeting held on 22.4.1991.

†893 bonded labourers have repatriated to their home States and 16 bonded labourers have died .

*The Government of Maharashtra has stated that 82 bonded labourers do not require rehabilitation assistance.

**The break-up of 523 bonded labourers as reported by the Harayana State is as follows —124 BLs. have left of their own, 96 are not willing to go from the Haryana State, 2 BLs. died of natural death and 321 BLs. have been sent to their home States *viz.* Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh Rajasthan, Gurarat, Orissa, and Maharashtra. 1 BL is still employed in the office of the Secretary, Red Cross, Gurgaon.

National debate on the recommendations of the Ramanujam Committee

3981. SHARIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to initiate a national debate on the recommendations of the Ramanujam Committee with regard to National Renewal Fund Exit Policy and Industrial Relation Bill; and

(b) whether it is proposed to discuss these subjects with the Central Trad e Unions and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) The Ramanujam Committee was constituted to formulate specific proposals for a new industrial relations bill. The recommendations of the Committee on a number of important issues are not unanimous. The Conference of State Labour Ministers which was held in February, 1992 considered the report and recommended that a group of five Labour Ministers should be formed to examine the areas of disagreement in the report with a veiw to arriving at a consensus and to submit its recommendations to the Indian Labour Conference. The Ministry has accordingly set up a committee under the chairmanship of Shri P.A. Sangma, Minister of State, comprising the Labour Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The Ministry of Labour has also constituted a Special Tripartite Committee to examine the effects of the new industrial policy on problems affecting labour and related matters and to make recommendations. It has also reconstituted a number of tripartite in Industrial Committees in respect of industries in which sickness is endemic.

Educated Unemployed and Landless Labour in the Country

3982. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARAYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State :

(a) the number of unemployed as per the live register of Employment Exchanges all over the country during the last five years including the current year ;

(b) the number of landless labour in the country and how much do they earn on an average ; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme to eradicate such a volume of unemployment ?

THE DEPUTY MIMISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR) : (a) The number of job-seekers on the live register of Employment Exhchanges, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, in the country during last five years are as below :—

Year	Number (in thousands)
1987	30247.3
1988	30050.2
1989	32776.2
1990	34631.8
1991 (latest available)	36299.7